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September 12 ReCenter Event Promotes Vanishing Classic Skills

With increased availability of inexpensive imported and plastic goods over the last 50 years, the skills of thrift and resourcefulness have started to disappear. A short September 12 Reuse Showcase sponsored by Northampton's Reuse Committee aims to help turn that trend around. The Showcase is free and open to the public and will highlight creative use, repair, restoration and repurposing of second-hand items from the greater Northampton community. In addition, repair demonstrations will be presented by area experts. The Showcase will be held from 12-3 PM on Saturday, September 12 at the Glendale Road Transfer Station, 170 Glendale Road.

Participants who do not hold City of Northampton Transfer Station or ReCenter permits may enter the transfer station area after the station closes at 12 Noon. The Transfer Station will not be open for business during the event. Participants may shop at the ReCenter, but donations will not be accepted during the event.

The event has been organized by Northampton's ReUse Committee, a subcommittee of the City of Northampton's Public Works Commission. In April 2015, the Reuse Committee, with the assistance of the Commission and the Department of Public Works, opened the ReCenter, a Saturday morning zero-waste oriented swap shop located at the Glendale Road Transfer Station. The swap shop collects usable and used durable household items and provides them to transfer station and ReCenter permit holders free of charge. The annual permits cost \$25 and \$10 respectively. A means-based discount is available to City residents for the transfer station permit, and non-residents may purchase ReCenter permits. Both permits may be purchased at the DPW and at both City Transfer Stations during operating hours.

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